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- 1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA COMBAL INFORMS US THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF POST-INDEPENDENCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE COMORO ADMINISTRATION HAVE NOT YET BEGUN. PRELIMINARY STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY AND THE QUAI EXPECTS THAT THE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE POLICY FOR COMOROS SUCCESSION TO TREATIES, WILL FOLLOW PRECEDENTS CREATED WHEN OTHER FRENCH TERRITORIES ACCEDED TO INDEPENDENCE.
- 2. A BILL THAT WOULD GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO THE COMOROS IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED (AND APPROVED) JUNE 22. THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE WILL BE SET BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WHICH, HOWEVER, WILL FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE COMORIAN ADMINISTRATION, BASED ON LOCAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, IN FIXING THE DATE. THE QUAI ANTICIPATES THAT THE DATE WILL BE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMOROS REFERENDUM, I.E., DECEMBER 22, 1975.

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